



Friday 18th September

Dear Parents and Carers,

AK Shining Brightly:



We had a fantastic start to the week with Classes 3 and 4 coming to school dressed as Ancient Greek Gods and Goddesses ready to take part in their WOW day. It was a super creative day and they told me how much they enjoyed the day but especially: baking their own pitta breads, painting Greek pots, making headdresses and the Greek banquet at the end. Thanks to all who kindly sent in food. They are now all fired up and keenly learning about their new topic of the Ancient Greeks. I know the 6 visiting trainee teachers were really impressed by the creative day and got fully involved in it.

Lots of rewards were given in our time to shine assembly this week. The new presentation merits were given out for a range of super maths and writing presentations. In addition, the children were rewarded for taking part in the Summer reading challenge. We have displayed their work in the corridor by the year 6 on our new Reading wall. This was so successful, that we have decided to extend the challenge to make it a regular thing, so if you missed the deadline, your child can still take part. We will write to you with more about the AK reading challenge via parent mail.

I was really impressed by the feedback from the Cygnet hot lunch tasting session this week. Thank you to all who came and tried. It was a real pleasure to sit and have some food with lots of you and see so many of you enjoying the food. We hope this will encourage more children to have a hot lunch at school.

Giving all of our pupils time to shine is incredibly important, we now have an exciting range of merits and rewards so that there is something for everyone to aspire to. I know I have given lots of special smelly stickers out this week for excellent work to pupils from across the school. I have bought some of these special stickers for every class so they can be given out in class too. If your child comes home with a sticker, remember to ask them how they have been shining in school.

Introducing the new AK School Council 2015 2016

- Y1 Evangeline Senior and Ben Haines
- Y2 Abigail Claridge and Anna Branscomb
- Y3 Evie Edmonds and Ethan Baker
- Y4 Amy Ray and Thomas Gunning
- Y5 Lucy Smith and Adam Blakeley
- Y6 Lorelei Bromelow and Jacob Manning

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Congratulations to them all, Miss Redman and I are looking forward to working with them. New to the school council this year will be the involvement of them with doing learning walks. They will accompany myself and some of my governors on a walk around the school to look at learning in every classroom.

Photographs on Monday by Tempest Photography

We will be improving the system by taking an individual photograph of every child to ensure nobody is missed. We will also take a photograph of siblings together. If you wish to have a photo which includes pre-school children, please go to the hall at 8.30 to 9.00am. You are under no obligation to buy any photographs. If you do not wish your child to have their photo taken, please contact the school office early on Monday morning by phone or in person. We look forward to seeing your children dressed smartly as they are every day now. Thank you.

Save the date

Our annual fireworks evening will be taking place on Saturday 7th November. More details to follow, but for now please save the date for this fantastic event.

Messy Church

When? This coming Sunday Sept 20th 4 pm in the school hall

Who for? Anyone

What will we do? Explore Jesus the Mender who came to mend a broken world. Based on creativity, celebration and hospitality we'll have activities and games, a story, song and a cooked tea together.

Next week, I will share with you the new AK school improvement plan for this academic year after which it will be on our website and on display in the school hall. I was really pleased to report that we had fulfilled all areas of last year's improvement plan. The Governors and staff met together to look at my analysis of the school and we worked together to write this new improvement plan. I very much look forward to sharing it with you.

Have a lovely weekend and I cannot thank you enough for your continued support,

S.L. Saville

Mrs. Saville

Head teacher

Please always check the calendar on our website www.akps.org.uk for dates.

Date	Event
Monday 21 st September	Individual School Photographs with Tempest
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Wednesday 23 rd and Thursday 24 th September	Life Education van visits the school Thursday- new playground markings.
Tuesday 13 th October	9am Class 6 assembly to parents in the hall
Wednesday 14 th October	Zumba Kids Morning- all children will receive 30 minutes of Zumba with their classes (free of charge to parents as funded by the school)
Thursday 15 th October	4-5pm <i>Keeping up with the Kids Maths Session</i> in the hall. More details to follow. The staff sharing latest maths teaching strategies to help you support at home.
Friday 16 th October 2.45pm	Official opening of the new outdoor classroom. FoAKS will kindly be providing refreshments for a small charge. All invited.
Monday 19 th October	4-5pm <i>Keeping up with the Kids English Session</i> in the hall. More details to follow. The staff sharing latest English teaching strategies to help you support at home.
Tuesday 20 th October	End of Term 1 9am Heroes and Heroines Assembly in the hall for parents and carers FoAKS end of term disco for pupils (more details to follow).
Wednesday 21 st October	Teacher Training Day- school closed to pupils